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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-181199 A
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-204173 A
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4. Japanese Patent Application No. 52-144098 A

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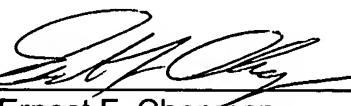
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